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Parity in coverage for mental illness that is equivalent to coverage for medical/surgical illness is long over due.

Mental Illness is not an Illness like the flu or a cold. Mental Illness is a disease of the brain which strikes in the same way as disease strikes the kidneys or heart for example.

Since mental illness is a physical disease of the brain it should be covered in the same way as heart disease or any other medical illness. Mental disease cannot be cured but it can be put into remission with proper treatment which the current standard of 30 day treatment limit cannot achieve.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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